

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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I, Kevin J. Ryan, declare and say as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. I make this declaration to establish conception of the invention claimed in the above-identified application in the United States at a date prior to December 1996.
2. The USPTO Office Action mailed September 15, 2003, uses U.S. Patent No. 5,875,452 issued to Katayama et al. and assigned to the International Business Machines Corporation to reject the claims pending in my above-identified patent application.
3. I conceived the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application in the United States prior to December 1996. I prepared an invention disclosure describing the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application. The invention disclosure is attached as Exhibit A with the actual dates redacted.

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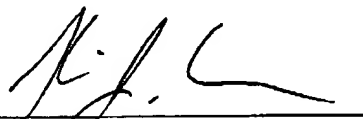
4. Following the completion of the invention disclosure, I diligently assisted our patent counsel to prepare and file U.S. Pat. Application 08/886,753, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,286,062, which is the parent application of the present application.

5. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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